



Nature Discovery Programs

What are Nature Discovery Programs?

Nature Discovery Programs, NDP, are fun, educational adventures designed to fully engage students in the outdoors. Throughout the summer there are week-long programs for children and pre-teens ages 3-13.



NDP 1



Small Wonders

"My son says the class was totally awesome!"

Registration:

Parks members: begins January 7, 2013

Non-members: begins February 4, 2013

Spaces are limited and reserved only with full payment.

Print out the Registration Packet from

www.yorkcountypa.gov Mail completed Registration and Health forms along with full payment to **York County Parks, 400 Mundis Race Road, York, PA 17406.**

Call York County Parks at (717) 840-7440 during regular business hours to register by phone. Staff will complete the registration form. Print out the Registration Packet from www.yorkcountypa.gov Mail completed health form along with full payment to the above address within 2 weeks.

York County Parks accepts checks, money orders or credit cards. All credit card transactions are subject to a 4% service fee.

Full refunds will be given when the cancellation occurs at least 30 days prior to the start of the program. If cancellation occurs within 30 days of the program a refund will be issued only if your child's spot is filled by another participant.



NDP 4

Small Wonders

Ages: 3-4 with an adult, no younger siblings allowed.

Dates: June 10-14

Time: 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Nixon Park

Cost: Members: \$25 Non-members: \$35

Students will role-play, imitate, question, and experiment with nature during this hands-on week alongside an adult. Classes



will include crafts,

NDP 2

Ages: 7-8

Dates: June 24-28

Time: 9 – 2 p.m.

Location: Nixon Park

Cost: Members: \$75 Non-members \$85

Discover animal adaptations, habitats, metamorphosis, and more during this fun-filled week. Students will learn the ins and outs of the world around them through experiments, games, crafts, stories, and activities.

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Ages: 11-13

Dates: August 5-9

Time: 9—3 p.m.

Location: Various County Parks

Cost: Members: \$130 Non-members: \$150.00

Looking for adventure? This high energy adventure week features hiking, nature study, canoeing, biking and a day at Ski Roundtop filled with excitement. Students will explore ecosystems found in different county parks while honing their observation, tracking, and navigation skills.

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Ages: 5-6

Dates: June 17-21

Time: 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Nixon Park

Cost: Members: \$55 Non-members: \$65

Butterflies, flowers, trees, foxes, mink, bluebirds, turtles, frogs and more. There is so much to learn and discover about nature. Students will be introduced to a variety of topics through discovery learning, crafts, hikes, and more.

Ages: 5-6

Dates: July 1-5, no class on Thurs.

Time: 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Nixon Park

Cost: Members: \$55 Non-members: \$65

Special Reptile Week Theme

Reptiles: Are they slimy? Are they rough? Children will discover the answers to these questions and more during this special Reptile Week themed class featuring a Critter Caravans show just for students.

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Ages: 9-10

Dates: July 29– August 2

Time: 9 – 3 p.m.

Location: Various County Parks

Cost: Members: \$100

Non-members: \$110

During this week, students will hike the trails at Nixon Park; explore Lake Redman by canoe while studying animals in their habitats. Classes will include hands-on games, activities, crafts and adventures.

"My daughter loved camp especially the day on the lake."



Archaeology Week

Ages: 10-13

Week 1: July 15 – 19

Week 2: July 22 – 26

Times: 9 – 3 p.m.

Location: drop off/pick up at Agricultural & Industrial Museum, digging a Civil War Site at Penn Park.

Cost: Members: \$130* Non-members: \$150*

Co-sponsored with the York County Heritage Trust, this week of hard work, fun and education will get right down to earth! Students learn the concepts of doing archaeology by conducting actual excavations. Students will learn to take notes, catalog artifacts and build displays. Interwoven between excavations, the class tours selected YCHT sites show how archeology ties into historical interpretation. A public hike to examine the excavations will be held on Thursday evening of both weeks beginning at 6pm. * Ask about our Scholarship Opportunity*



"Archaeology is not what you find, it's what you find out"

-David Hurst Thomas



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How do I prepare for the week?

What to wear to the program:

- Comfortable, appropriate, and layered clothing to accommodate changing weather conditions.
- Solid shoes. No open-toed shoes, backless shoes, crocs, flip flops or sandals.
- A hat for sun protection.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Raincoat as needed.

What to bring to the program:

- Full-day program students need to bring a lunch, snack and water.
- Half-day program students need to bring a snack and water.
- A full, reusable water bottle.
- We encourage use of low waste lunches with recyclable or reusable containers.
- A complete change of clothes for those just in case moments.
- Medicine along with the medication form if needed.



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York County Parks

400 Mundis Race Road
York, PA 17406

Park Headquarters: 717-840-7440

Nixon Park Nature Center: 717-428-1961

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NDP 4 Hanover Junction Tour while Biking the Heritage Rail Trail County Park

For all questions please contact Park Naturalist, Amber Carothers
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